

HIGH MOBILITY ARTILLERY ROCKET SYSTEM (HIMARS)



DESCRIPTION

The High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) is a C-130-transportable, wheeled, indirect-fire, rocket/missile system capable of firing all rockets and missiles in the current and future Multiple Launch Rocket System Family of Munitions. The HIMARS launcher consists of a fire control system, carrier (automotive platform), and launcher-loader module that will perform all operations necessary to complete a fire mission. The system is defined as one launcher, two re-supply vehicles, two re-supply trailers, and munitions.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

HIMARS addresses an identified, critical warfighting deficiency in Marine Corps fire support. HIMARS will primarily employ the Guided Multiple Launch

Rocket System rocket to provide precision fires in support of maneuver forces. HIMARS is a transformational, 24 hour, ground-based, responsive, General Support/General Support-Reinforcing, precision, indirect fire weapon system which accurately engages targets at long ranges (60+ Km) with high volumes of lethal fire under all weather conditions throughout all phases of combat operations ashore.

HIMARS will be fielded to two battalions (one active and one Reserve) in the Marine Corps.

PROGRAM STATUS

HIMARS entered Full Rate Production in October 2005. A battery-sized interim capability was achieved in 1st Qtr fiscal year 2006 (Battery F, 2/14). Initial operational capability will be achieved in fiscal year 2008 and full operational capability will be achieved in fiscal year 2010.

Procurement Profile:	FY2008	FY2009
Quantity:	0	0

Developer/Manufacturer:

- Launcher and MFOM: Lockheed Martin Corporation, Missiles & Fire Control Div., Dallas, TX
- Re-Supply System: Oshkosh Truck Corporation, Oshkosh, WI